

April 20, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Gary Brown, Chairman, Tempe

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, April 27, 1999 - 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Johnson or Dawn Coomer at 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of Minutes of March 23, 1999</u>	2. Approve minutes of March 23, 1999
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. For information.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.	

4. Transportation Manager's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information, discussion and possible action to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

*6. Update on the MAG Pedestrian Design Assistance Program

In May 1998 the Regional Council approved the Unified Planning Work Program which included \$150,000 for pedestrian design assistance. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised for on-call consulting assistance for the design of pedestrian areas and facilities in February, 1999 and nine consultant proposals were received in response. MAG member agencies were requested to submit projects to receive the design assistance in February, 1999. On March 26, 1999, the MAG Pedestrian Working Group recommended that eight consultants be included on the on-call list as shown in Attachment B. The Working Group also recommended that the following receive design assistance: 1) The Town of Gila Bend - \$10,000 (after discussing concerns that the funding request may not be sufficient for the scope described, the Pedestrian Working Group allowed up to an additional \$15,000 for the Gila Bend project), Central Pedestrian Way; 2) City of Peoria - \$65,000, Pedestrian Crossing at Grand Avenue/Burlington Northern-Santa Fe; 3)

6. For information.

City of Phoenix - \$60,000, Laveen Watercourse/Greenbelt Pedestrian Trail. This item appears for action on the consent agenda for the April 28, 1999 Regional Council meeting.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

7. **Report on the MAG Freeway Program**

MAG Freeway Program Management will address issues related to the Freeway Life Cycle Program.

8. **Status Report on Central Phoenix/East Valley Light Rail Transit Project**

A 39-mile light rail transit system is an element of the draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan. A Major Investment Study has been completed for the section from Camelback Road and Central through downtown Phoenix and Tempe to downtown Mesa. An initial operating study is now in preliminary engineering and an environmental impact study is underway. A status report on this project will be presented by RPTA staff.

9. **Advance Design of Bicycle Projects**

Members of the Regional Bicycle Task Force were notified of the potential availability of federal funds to design bicycle projects already in the Transportation Improvement Program. Several member agencies have requested the use of the funds for design as indicated in Attachment C. Several members expressed concern about obligating the design funds within the timeline, and the process to obligate the funds.

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information, discussion and possible action.

9. For information, discussion and possible action.

At their meeting on March 24, 1999, the Regional Council approved the advance design of bicycle projects (\$13,167 local funds, \$217, 833 CMAQ, \$231,000 total) as part of the FY 1999 closeout. On April 20, 1999, members of the Regional Bicycle Task Force will be asked to select projects to use CMAQ funding for the advance design of bicycle projects, and to select projects to receive additional redistributed obligation authority (if received).

10. Related Information on the Close-Out of the MAG Federally Funded Program

Prospects of additional MAG federal funding and obligation authority are still unknown at this time. However, the Street Committee will be considering carry forward projects. A status report will be provided by MAG staff.

11. MAG Park-and-Ride Study

The draft 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes a project for a MAG Park-and-Ride Lot Study, and the 2000-2004 MAG Five Year Program includes \$36 million dollars for approximately 10 park-and-ride lots. This study will identify 10 potential near term park-and-ride lot sites, and 10 potential long term sites related to reservation of sites in conjunction with new freeway construction. Final site selection will not be made until individual site specific environmental assessments have been completed. Staff will discuss the scope of work for this study.

12. Proposed ADOT Scoping Projects

A list of ADOT projects proposed for scoping is included as Attachment A. Staff will review this list of projects as it relates to MAG priorities for ADOT funding through 2007.

10. For information, discussion and possible action.

11. For information, discussion and possible action.

12. For information, discussion and possible action.

13. Legislative Report

The Arizona State Legislative session began in January 1999. TRC members will be appraised of issues related to transportation facilities and funding that are scheduled for consideration by the Legislature.

14. Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room..

13. For information and discussion.

14. For information.